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REMARKS:

By the above amendment, applicant has amended the specification along the following lines:

In general, claims have been amended to introduce or clarify introductory phrases.

The concrete modifications that have been performed are the following ones:

Modifications on system claims:

- Claim 19 has been replaced by a new one. Given that correcting this claim 'in-situ' would require to add too many amendments, and that would render it very difficult to read, the amendment has been cancelled, and a cleaner version of it is included in new claim number 43.

The most important aspect of this amendment has been to remove the paragraph that was intended to describe the nature of the invention, and insert a new description.

The paragraph that has been removed is the one that starts by "facilitating means that facilitate that the user perceive...". The Applicant acknowledges that this is indefinite and does not sufficiently describes the nature of the invention.

The specific nature of the invention is now described in claim 28 mainly in paragraph b. The invention will present the user reproductions of two types:

- Type Full: This is a normal utterance in the language that is being learned.
- Type Empty: This is a sound that mainly conveys the prosodic pattern of one full reproduction.

By listening to both types of reproductions, the user will learn to identify the prosodic pattern of normal utterances, and thus will learn the language.

- Claim 43: This is a rewritten version of claim 19, as mentioned in the previous paragraph
- The following claims have been slightly amended to correct formal issues and to make them more understandable:
 - Claim 20: This claim has been amended to remove indefinite fragments.
 - Claim 21: This claim has been reworded to better show the means included in the system.

- Claim 24, 25: These claims has been amended to better clarify the context in which the samples of target language are used.

Modifications on method claims:

- Claims 1-7, 14 & 15 have been cancelled. New method claims have been added that closely parallel the existing system claims.
- Claims 44-50 are the new method claims that have been added.

Modification on support claims:

- Claim 27 has been amended to better parallel the structure of claim 26.

The applicant respectfully requests that claims 26 and 27 be allowed in the current form.